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Project Commit Date

Now is time to think about when you really want to advertise your projects

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It's that time of year again! As you may recall, the beginning of the new fiscal year means the re-setting of the PDL. Last year we were late in committing the advertising dates and we promised that this year we would set it promptly during the month of October. So, this year we will "Lock" all of the advertising dates after the run on October 20th.

For those who are new, or just don't remember things from a year ago, the "Locking" of the advertising dates is an annual ritual that basically wipes the slate clean. This is your chance to re-set your Committed Advertising Dates. After the October 20th run, the current "Advertising Date" as calculated on Screen 510 will be copied to the database and that date will become your new "Committed Advertising Date". This is the date that you will be measured against in the PDL.

Feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Popup blockers for windows^{xp}

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Users who get their operating systems upgraded to windows^{xp} report a common problem: they are unable to launch ePM (the new browser window quickly opens and closes and no further action takes place).

In most cases, ePM does not load because the built-in popup blocker in Internet Explorer prevents the Oracle window from launching. This popup blocker will also prevent reports (such as timesheets) from running.

Use the following procedure to deactivate the popup blocker function in Internet Explorer for windows^{xp}:



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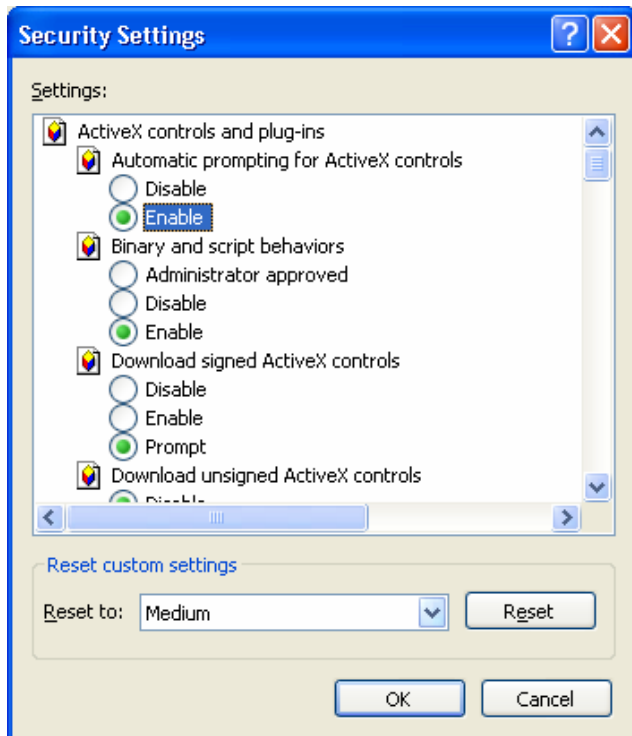
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1. Open Internet Explorer
2. On the **Tools** menu, click **Internet Options**
3. On the **Security** tab, click **Custom Level**

When the Security Settings dialog opens, do the following (see illustrations below):

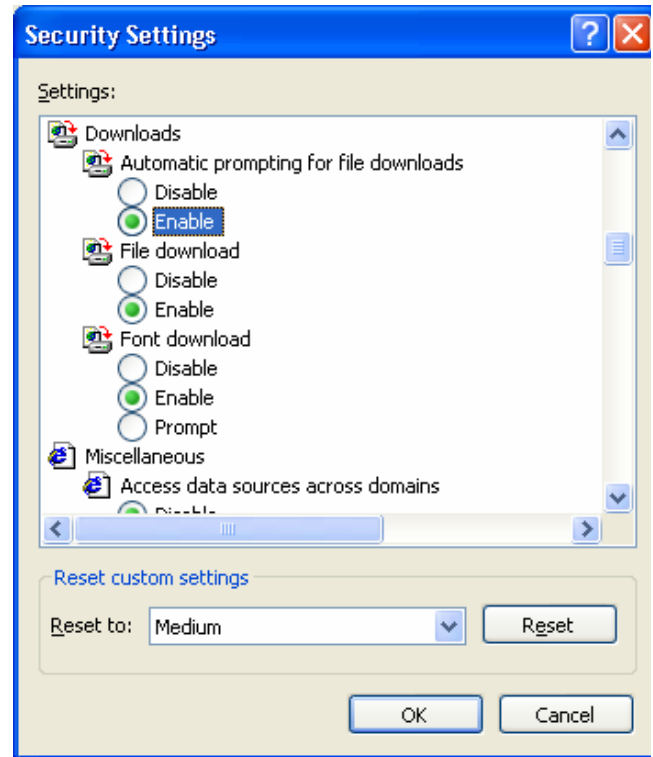
Under **Automatic prompting for ActiveX controls**, click **Enable** (the **ActiveX controls and plug-ins** section of the list)



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Under **Automatic prompting for file downloads**, click **Enable** (in the **Downloads** section of the list) and click OK to commit the changes and close the dialogue.



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